

Portola Green Initiatives



Quick Facts

The Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay is proud to be the recipient of the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA)

We have also received the California Integrated Waste Management Board's WRAP (Waste Reduction Awards Program) Award 18 Years in a row

The Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay is honored to be Silver LEED® Certified becoming the first "Green" Hotel in central California, the third Hotel in California and the sixth Hotel in the U.S. to attain this high level in "Existing Building" Category

Highlights Of Our Green Initiatives:

- Experienced in executing zero waste conferences & meetings for groups up to 900
- Actively participate in the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch Program, designed to raise awareness about the importance of making ocean-friendly seafood choices
- Environmentally friendly vendor suggestions, as well as biodegradable badges and other green items
- Membership in the U.S. Green Building Council, the Recycled Paper Coalition, the Green Business Partnership, the Green Meeting Industry Council and the EPA's Waste Wise Program & recipient of the Monterey Bay area Green Business Certification
- Distribute all sales & catering information electronically or via flash drives
- Purchase safe, sustainable products and materials including recycled office supplies, and Energy Star® televisions and mini refrigerators in guest rooms
- Landscaping featuring native and drought tolerant vegetation and drip irrigation controlled by weather conditions
- Jacks Restaurant and Peter B's Brewpub serve local, organic and sustainable cuisine, and use Bio-Pak take-out containers & compostable cups
- All guest room baseboards are FSC certified wood, guarantee they came from sustainably managed forests
- All Mattresses are hypoallergenic, and made with 100% organic cotton and recycled metal springs
- Ozone laundry system with enzyme-based laundry detergents for cleaning linens and towels, reducing water and energy consumption
- Jacks restaurant carpet is made from sheep wool and the backing is a natural jute & latex, all of which are rapidly renewable materials and the carpet is 100% compostable at the end of its useful life
- Bathrooms have low flow faucets, shower heads, toilets & urinals reducing indoor water consumption
- A green cleaning program that uses H203 system to clean and disinfect guest rooms without any harsh chemicals, Green from Natura room amenity products and packages are made from rapidly renewable material and are biodegradable
- The guest room carpet meets Carpet & Rug Institute (CRI) plus program for low VOC material and paint throughout the hotel is low VOC
- The hotel produces hot water with a cogeneration that simultaneously generates electricity on site
- Peter B's changed operations to save over 41,000 gallons of water a year, and recycles mash from brewing process to local farmers & growers
- Installed new, more energy-efficient lighting throughout the hotel, Executive Offices and the Spa on the Plaza through the AMBAG Energy Watch Program

